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**THE DAILY PRESS.**  
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The Harbour Master's report for 1891 is longer and in some respect fuller than in previous years. The press of other questions has precluded our dealing with it at an earlier stage, but we now propose to review it briefly. Commander HASTINGS, who makes the report as *locum tenens* at the Harbour Office for the year in question, tells us that the shipping returns show a further advance in the trade of the Colony, the total tonnage amounting to fourteen millions of tons, the highest figure yet reached. This is satisfactory as showing that, though trade is admittedly bad the world over, there is no diminution in the shipping frequenting this port and depth of East Asian trade. The total tonnage also shows an increase of 131,064 tons, but in the foreign junk trade there is a falling off of 609,091 tons. This latter is, perhaps to be accounted for in some degree by the increase in steamer tonnage, but it is more reasonable to believe that more of it is due to the action of the Chinese revenue cutters, who still in spite of the Convention of 1889 have been vessels, as was shown only the other day in the seizure of the two junks bound from this port to Tamsui. It is impossible to speak with any accuracy, but it is highly probable that, were this blockade so exceptionally maintained by the Customs, Haikwan, Viceroy's, and Salt Commissioners' gunboats and steam launches—removed, we should see a development rather than a decline in the junk trade.

very sensibly since 1889, when the number of immigrants reached 96,195 as compared with 46,162 in 1891, or less than one half. This decline of course is traceable to the Restriction Acts passed by the United States Legislature and similar measures adopted by the Australian Colonies, and also to the establishment of direct emigration to Sumatra from Swatow and Amoy instead of it being conducted, as formerly, through Penang. During the past year, the report states, the numbers of immigrants to Hongkong have nearly doubled, and those to the Straits Settlements, Mauritius, and Vancouver have increased, but there has been a decrease of 25 per cent. to California, and emigration from Hongkong to the latter has been falling off in the numbers going to Canada since the anti-Chinese legislation now being agitated for is accorded to by the Dominion Parliament, and there is a distinct tendency in the Hawaiian Islands to limit the influx of Chinese, while if the Restriction Bill recently passed by the House of Representatives at Washington gets through the Senate and escapes veto by the President, it is pretty certain that there will be a great check on Chinese emigration to the Great Republic. Possibly the Chinese may find new fields for their industry and enterprise in Mexico and other countries of Central and South America, but for a time at any rate the loss of this trade will be felt severely in the Colony, and is even now only too visible in numerous empty houses and shops.

We remarked at the commencement that this report was longer than previous reports of the same department. It is, and it is matter for regret that the portion under the head of "Revenue" was ever written. Still more is it to be regretted that it should have been printed at all in a Government departmental report. It is supposed to be a reply to "correspondence appearing in the public prints last year," really, however, to statements made by the Chamber of Commerce. Concerning these remarks, which occupy twelve paragraphs, it may be said that nearly all of them are foolish and impertinent. When, as in the first paragraph, Mr. Hastings says that the licence issued by emigration brokers is a trade licence as much as a pawnbroker's licence and might as easily be paid into the Treasury as other taxes, that therefore there is no reason why it should be regarded as a tax on shipping, he tries our patience. When, however, referring to the registry fee, he remarks that these fees have to be paid somewhere, and "there is nothing to prevent owners running their ships under other flags if they think it would be cheaper," and in the following paragraph, that if "the burdens are excessive and the benefits not an adequate equivalent, there is no reason why the trade should be confined to this country," he rouses our indignation. Is not Mr. Hastings aware that it is the duty of the Government to promote, to the utmost of their ability, the trade of the port, and so far as lies in their power to keep that trade under the British flag? Is this the way to do it? Is this the correct attitude for the Harbour Master of the British Colony of Hongkong to adopt? To tell British shipowners in effect that if they find it cheaper to run their ships under other flags to do so, and to say that if the fees charged in connection with emigration are found burdensome the trade can go elsewhere! There is a flippant disregard of the interests of the trade by which the Colony exists throughout this most unbecomingly string of observations on an official document and exerts within us an ever growing wonder how the Government can so pass it. Further comment on it is unnecessary; it would be mere waste of time to follow the Acting Harbour Master through his further reflections, nearly all of which seem to us entirely uncalled for as well as in most cases altogether beside the mark.

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